

FIG. 1

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a console system 160, according to one embodiment of the present invention. The console system 160 includes a base components 202, multi-player game components 204, and independent game components 206.

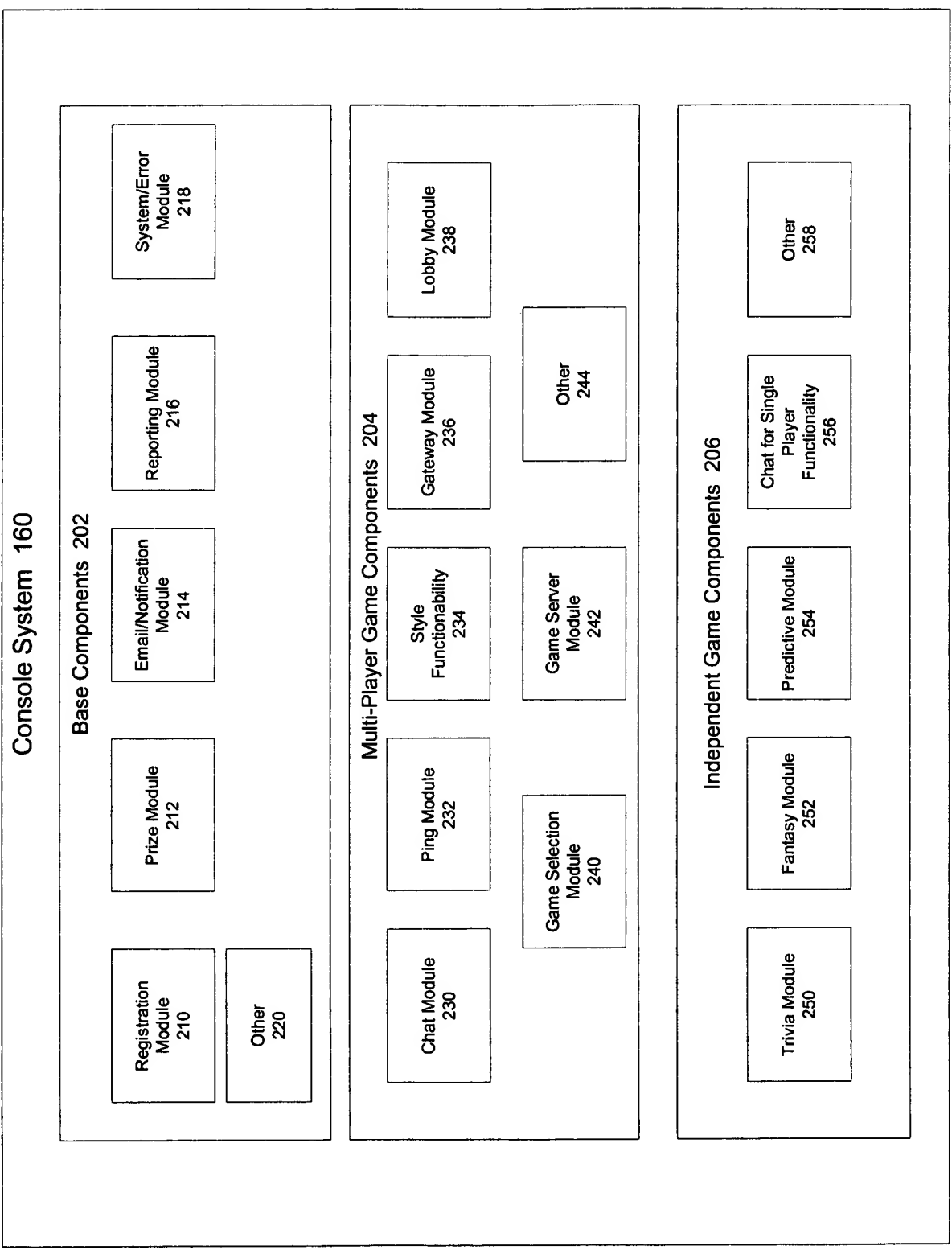


FIG. 2

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a system 300 for providing a gateway to a network of online players.

300

### The Gateway

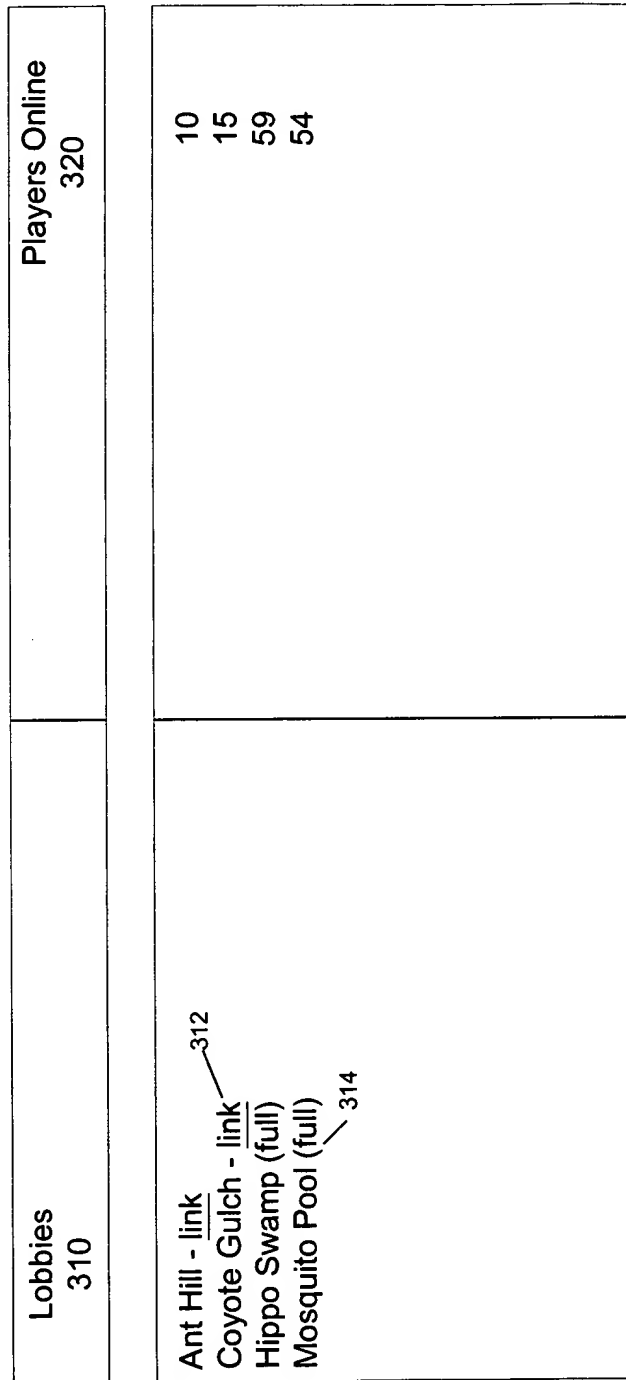


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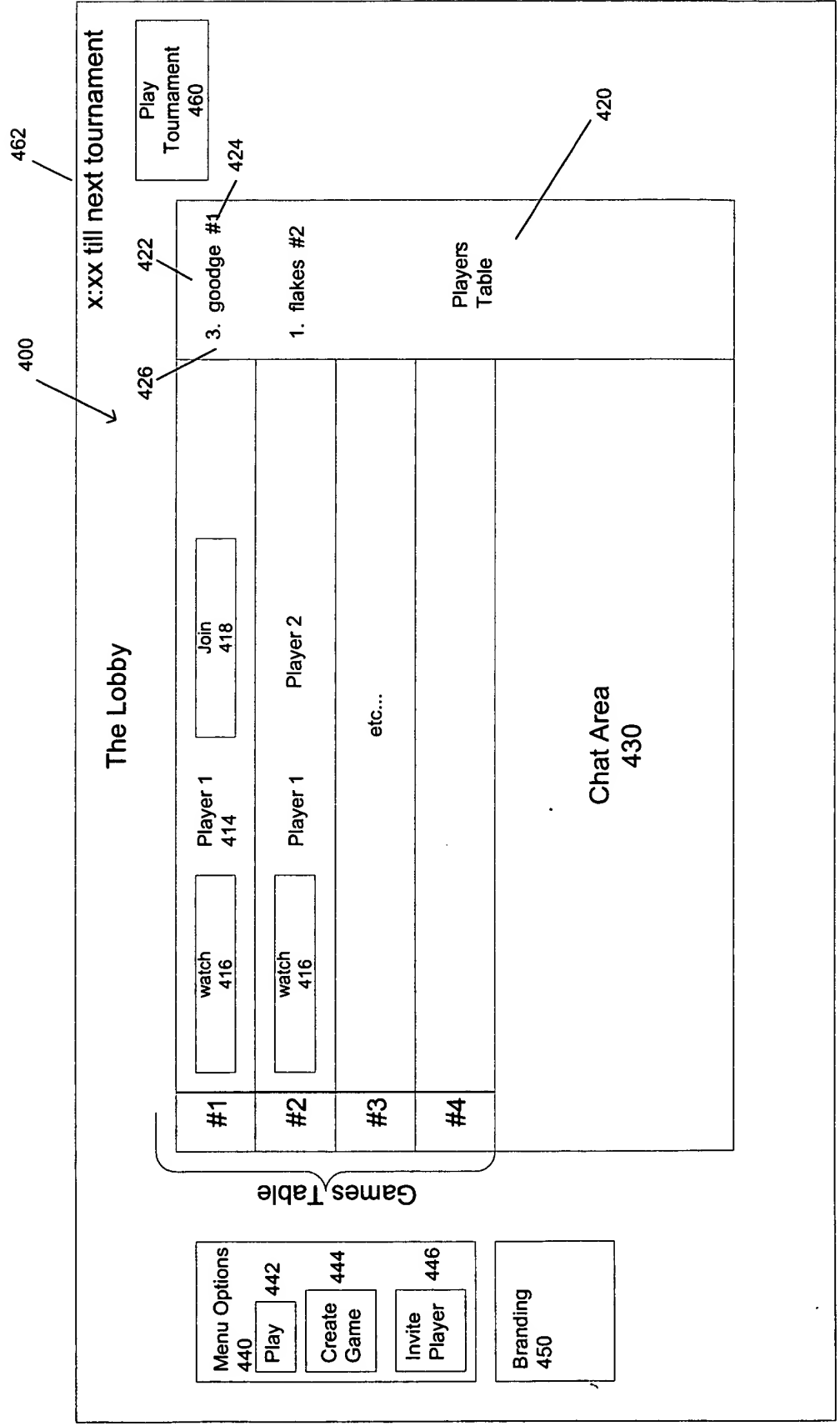


FIG. 4

FIG. 5

500

The Game

branding area  
540

game area  
510

chat area  
520

menu  
area  
530

FIG. 5

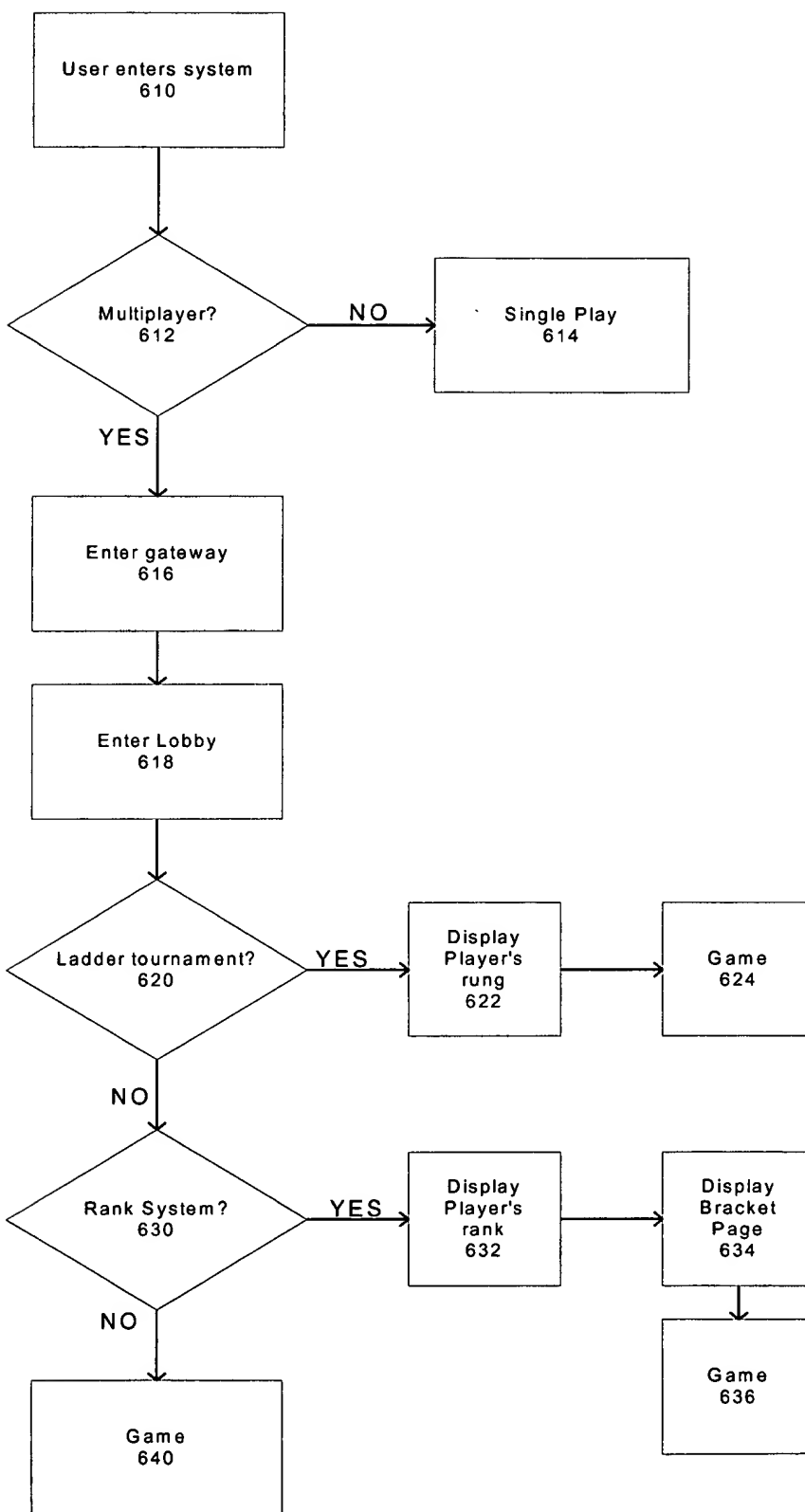


FIG. 6